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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: NIGERIAN INVESTMENT IN  
SAVE SUGAR MILL, DAHOMEY

REFS: STATE 125425, 148916, 155385

1. AS REPORTED LAGOS 0134, LANG ENGINEERING REPRESENTATIVE  
LEONARD LANGELEND ON JANUARY 3, 1975, SAW GILBERT O.  
OBATOYINBO, UNDER-SECRETARY, TEXTILES AND AGRO-ALLIED DIVISION,  
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NIGERIAN  
PARTICIPATION IN SAVE SUGAR PROJECT. OBATOYINBO TOLD LANGELEND  
THAT FMG WAS COMMITTED TO FINANCE 40 PERCENT OF  
PROJECT AND THAT HE WOULD BE ATTENDING EXPERTS MEETING IN  
DAHOMY IN MID-JANUARY. (SEE COTONOU 0012 FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS).

2. GENERAL GOWON VISITED DAHOMEY JANUARY 7-8, AND HE AND PRESIDENT  
KEREKOU CREATED JOINT COMMISSION TO MEET PERIODICALLY AND REVIEW  
ALL ASPECTS OF NIGERIA-DAHOMY COOPERATION. (SEE COTONOU 0039 AND  
LAGOS 0304.) TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, COMMISSION HAS NOT YET MET.  
ITS MEMBERS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE REPRESENTATIVES OF  
RELEVANT MINISTRIES, INCLUDING INDUSTRIES.

3. THIRD NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
PLAN RELEASED MARCH 29 INDICATES FMG INTENTION TO INVEST  
IN THE DAHOMEAN PROJECT. IN THE MANY PAGES PUBLISHED ABOUT  
THE PLAN DURING APRIL, ONE OR MORE NIGERIAN NEWSPAPERS MAY  
WELL HAVE MENTIONED IT, BUT EMBASSY HAS NOT NOTICED AND FILED  
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ANY OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE OR NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING

SAVE PROJECT SINCE THE GOWON VISIT.

4. THE PLAN DOES NOT MENTION SAVE BY NAME BUT SAYS "THE EXACT SITE AND CAPACITY OF THE PROJECT WILL BE DETERMINED AS SOON AS THE DETAILED STUDIES ARE COMPLETED" AND THAT "A PILOT SCHEME FOR THE PROJECT IS ALREADY IN PROGRESS."  
NOMINAL ALLOCATION OF NIGERIAN FUNDS TOTALS 18 MILLION NAIRA WITH 500,000 NAIRA IN FY 1975-76, 3.5 MILLION NAIRA IN 1976-77, 4 MILLION NAIRA IN 1977-78, 5 MILLION NAIRA IN 1978-79, AND 5 MILLION NAIRA IN 1979-80. (NAIRA (N) CURRENTLY EQUALS \$1.64.)

5. EMBASSY CANNOT FIND CHESHES/ECON SECTION EMB LAGOS MEMO OF APRIL 21 WHICH WAS CITED BY COTONOU 0716, BUT RESPONSIBLE EMBOFF ON LEAVE.  
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